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SUBJECT:EPA VISIT TO JAPANESE MOTORCYCLE MANUFACTURER
PLANTS

1. ON BASIS OF ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH JAPANESE INDUSTRY
TWO EPA OFFICIALS AND THREE EPA CONTRACTORS PLAN TO
VISIT JAPAN IN OCTOBER. USDEL WILL BE ALBERT ROSS, EPA
OFFICE OF NOISE ABATEMENT AND CONTROL; JAMES KERR, EPA
MOBILE SOURCE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION; ERNEST ODDO, IAN
WILLIAMSON AND STANLEY HATASOKI, MCDONNELL DOUGLAS
ASTRONAUTICS CORPORATION. TEAM PLANS TO VISIT JAPANESE
ENVIRONMENT AGENCY OCTOBER 6, JAPANESE AUTOMOBILE
MANUFACTURING ASSOCIATION (JAMA) OCTOBER 7, SUZUKI AND
YAMAHA, HAMAMATSU OCTOBER 8,9 AND 10, KAWASAKI, KOBE
OCTOBER 13 AND 14, AND HONDA, TOKYO OCTOBER 15,16 AND 17.

2. PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO GATHER FACTUAL INFORMATION FOR
PROMULGATION OF EPA NOISE REGULATIONS FOR MOTORCYCLES AND
SNOW MOBILES. SINCE 90 OF THE MOTORCYCLES SOLD IN THE
U.S. ARE FROM JAPANESE MANUFACTURERS, THE TECHNOLOGY AND
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ECONOMICS OF THEIR NOISE CONTROL PROGRAMS ARE ESSENTIAL

TO EPA STANDARDS SETTING.

3. ITINERARY, INCLUDING VISIT TO ENVIRONMENT AGENCY, AND CONCURRENCE FOR PLANT VISITS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED BY JAMA. EPA NOISE DATA QUESTIONNAIRE IS BEING SUBMITTED TO EACH MANUFACTURER TO BE VISITED. BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBLE ACCESS TO PROPRIETARY DATA AND INFORMATION, EPA OFFICIALS AND CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL WILL BE PREPARED TO PRESENT CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENTS.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY VERIFY THAT ALL APPROPRIATE AGENCIES OF JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF FORTHCOMING VISIT AND ITS PURPOSE.

5. NO INTERPRETER SERVICES ARE REQUIRED. USDEL WILL USE HATASOKI WHO IS FLUENT IN JAPANESE. TRAVEL, HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION ALREADY ARRANGED. NO EMBASSY ASSISTANCE REQUIRED. USDEL WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH SCIATT BLOOM ON MORNING OF OCTOBER 6 TO DISCUSS VISIT. TEAM ITINERARY WILL FOLLOW IN SEPARATE CABLE. KISSINGER

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